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CONGRESSMAN HENRY WAXMAN HAS ASKED DEPARTMENT TO CABLE
FOLLOWING LETTER TO AMBASSADOR CASTRO FOR HIS REPLY. TEXT
FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT: DEAR AMBASSADOR CASTRO: AS YOU KNOW,
ALEJANDRO AND LILIANA DEUTSCH HAVE BEEN FOUND NOT GUILTY
BY AN ARGENTINE COURT OF ALL CHARGES MADE AGAINST THEM.
UNFORTUNATELY, THEY HAVE NOT YET BEEN RELEASED. I AM
WRITING TO URGE YOU TO USE YOUR GOOD OFFICES TO SPEED
THE RELEASE OF THESE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN HELD IN CUSTODY
FOR SO LONG AND HAVE BEEN FOUND GUILTY OF NO WRONGDOING
WHATSOEVER.

IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THE MINISTER OF INTERIOR,
GENERAL ALBANO HARGUINDEGUY, OF BALCARCE 50, BUENOS AIRES,
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IS EMPOWERED TO AUTHORIZE THEIR RELEASE.

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A NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE DEUTSCH FAMILY, INCLUDING ALEJANDRO'S SISTER, ARE CONSTITUENTS OF MINE. HAVING LOST MEMBERS OF THEIR FAMILY DURING THE NAZI HOLOCAUST, I AM SURE YOU CAN IMAGINE THE INTENSITY OF THEIR ANXIETY ABOUT THE FATE OF THEIR KIN IN ARGENTINA. IT IS FOR THIS REASON THAT I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT YOU COMMUNICATE TO ME AT YOUR EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY ON THE ACTIONS YOU ARE TAKING TO PROTECT THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE DEUTSCHES.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR ATTENTION TO THIS GRAVE PROBLEM. SINCERELY, HENRY A. WAXMAN, MEMBER OF CONGRESS.
END TEXT. CHRISTOPHER

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